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SUBJ: QADHAFI ADDRESSES LABOR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

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1. DESPITE EGYPTIAN MEDIA REPORTS THAT COLONEL QADHAFI HAD BEEN INJURED IN A RECENT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, THE LIBYAN LEADER MADE A SURPRISE VISIT TO THE AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE PRESENTLY BEING HELD IN TRIPOLI. IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO DISPEL RUMORS CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED INJURIES, QADHAFI VIGOROUSLY SHOOK HANDS WITH CONFERENCE OFFICIALS. IN RESPONSE TO THE WELCOMING APPLAUSE OF THE DELEGATES, QADHAFI RAISED HIS HANDS IN A VICTORY GRASP. THE LIBYAN CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, LIBYAN MINISTER OF LABOR AL MAHJUB, INTRODUCED QADHAFI AS A GREAT THINKER OF THE THIRD WORLD. QADHAFI EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO THE DELEGATES THAT THEY DECIDED TO HOLD

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THEIR CONFERENCE IN LIBYA (STATEMENT SOMETHING OF SARCASM SINCE LIBYANS PAYING FOR CONFERENCE IN ITS ENTIRETY.)

2. QADHAFI EXPOUNDED UPON THE THEORIES OF THIS GREEN BOOK. HE TOLD THE AFRICAN DELEGATES THAT SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORKERS COULD NOT BE FOUND IN

EITHER CAPITALIST OR COMMUNIST COUNTRIES BECAUSE WORKERS REMAIN SALARIED AND WERE NOT PARTNERS TO PRODUCTION. QADHAFI TOLD DELEGATES THAT WORKERS OF THE THIRD WORLD WOULD REMAIN SLAVES AS LONG AS THEY DID NOT OWN THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, PARTICULARLY THEIR OWN HOME AND MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION.

3. QADHAFI PROCEEDED TO CRITICIZE EGYPT, WHICH HE SAID OPPOSED HIM BECAUSE OF HIS REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS WHICH HE CLAIMED WERE THE REAL THREAT TO SADAT'S REGIME. IN CONCLUSION OF BRIEF REMARKS, QADHAFI ASKED DELEGATES IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS. QADHAFI THEN CONCLUDED THAT DELEGATES MUST AGREE WITH HIM AND ENDED VISIT.
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